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TELEPHONE UPGRADATION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any upgradation work in rural telephone sector in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to the rural areas under the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b)Yes, Sir. The details of upgradation work done in rural telephone sector in Gujarat during the last three years are given below:

(i) The independent small exchanges in rural areas have been converted into Access Node Rural Automatic Exchange (ANRAX) and Remote Switching Unit (RSU) to include the services and make available additional facilities as per the following details:-

Sl. No.	Item	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Balance
1.	Conversion of C-DOT RAX to ANRAX have been converted)	888	860	0 (since all RAXs	-
2.	Conversion of SBM to RSU have been converted)	49	13	0 (since all RAXs	-
3.	Conversion of VPT on MARR to Other technology (WLL/ Landline)		562	402	309 112

(ii) New wired line telephone exchanges, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Basic Transceiver Station (BTS) and Mobile BTS have also been opened in rural areas to cover additional area for provision of telephone service. Details are given below:

Year	Telephone Exchange opened	WLL BTSs opened in rural area	Mobile BTS
2004-05	2	12 (Cor-DECT)	0
2005-06	0	45 (CDMA)	747
2006-07	3	143 (CDMA)	0
Total	5	200	747

(c) The benefits that are likely to accrue to the rural areas are as under :

(i) Availability of Caller Line Identification Protocol (CLIP) facility on landline.

(ii) Availability of Short Message Service (SMS) facility and Internet services on Mobile Switching Centre (MSC) based WLL telephone connections.

(iii) Availability of telephone connections in deeper rural areas in Gujarat from 188 Code Division Multiplex Access (CDMA) WLL BTS set up during last two years.